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EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: BPP/ SNO NARCOTIC SEIZURE

HQS PASS ENCC/ DURKIN; IA/ BELK; SI/ WARNER FROM DICK

CHIANG MAI PASS BNDD

1. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 22, 1973 A JOINT BPP/ SNO OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST TRAFFICKERS IN BAN WAA WII VILLAGE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MILES NORTHWEST OF CHIANG RAI. THE ASSAULT ELEMENT TO SECURE THE VILLAGE, CONSISTING OF BPP, WAS AIRLIFTED VIA THAI POLICE AVIATION UTILIZING FOUR HELICOPTERS AND ONE PORTER AIRCRAFT. THE VILLAGE WAS SECURED SHORTLY AFTER TOUCHDOWN, WHICH WAS AT 0600 HOURS.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO SECURING THE VILLAGE POLICE COLONEL KUSOL, SNO COMMANDER, ARRIVED AND A SEARCH BEGAN AT ABOUT 0830 HOURS. THE SEARCH RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING BEING SEIZED:

ITEM	AMOUNT
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A. RAW OPIUM	66 KILOS
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B. MORPHINE BASE (999)	67 KILOS
C. NO. 4 HEROIN (NEW LION LABEL)	700 GRAMS
D. OPIUM ASH	12 KILOS
E. NO. 3 HEROIN	11 KILOS
F. SMOKING HEROIN	2 KILOS
G. RIFLE- SPRINGFIELD (03)	2
H. M-2'S	4
I. 45 CAL. PISTOL	3
J. M-1 GARAND	1
K. 9 MM STEN	2
L. M-16	1

IN ADDITION TO THE SEIZURE NINE ETHNIC CHINESE HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED AND HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CHIANG RAI FOR INTERROGATION.

3. THERE WAS NO FIRE FIGHT OR CASUALTIES AND THE OPERATION
WENT VERY SMOOTHLY. THE VILLAGERS WERE HAPPY TO SEE THE NINE
DEFENDANTS REMOVED FROM THE VILLAGE AS THEY WERE CAUSING
TROUBLE AND THROWING GRENADES THE NIGHT BEFORE. THIS IS
YET ANOTHER
EXAMPLE OF THE THAI HITTING HARD AT THE NARCOTIC
TRAFFIC.

4. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
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